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North Country Ethanol Begins Ethanol Production

Rosholt, SD – March 28, 2005 – United Bio Energy, LLC, and ICM, Inc. congratulate North Country Ethanol, formerly Tri State Ethanol, as the South Dakota plant restarts ethanol production in Rosholt this month.

North Country Ethanol will process over 7 million bushels of corn into 20 million gallons of ethanol and over 65,000 tons of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) annually. South Dakota's ethanol plants are producing a combined annual capacity of 456 million gallons.

North Country Ethanol has incorporated a process design where most of the plant was reconfigured, retrofitted and customized by ICM, Inc. of Colwich, Kansas. United Bio Energy, located in Wichita, KS, will staff the plant's 34 employees, as well as provide its full menu of management and marketing services to the plant. Both ICM and United Bio Energy have partnered to play a fundamental role in re-establishing the Rosholt plant and look forward to serving North Country Ethanol owners and the Rosholt community.

"All the staff of United Bio Energy is looking forward to working on behalf of North Country Ethanol as it renews operations in the quickly-growing US ethanol market," said Jeff Roskam, UBE President. "We are happy to have the plant's employees join our staff at UBE and anticipate a great future for this location," he added.

North Country Ethanol was formerly known as Tri-State Ethanol. The plant was purchased by regional investors and local farmers in late 2004.

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